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SUBJECT: SENKAKU INCIDENT AND PFT: PRIME MINISTER TAKES
UMBRAGE AT PRC AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS

REF: TOKYO 6868 AND PREVIOUS

1. SENKAKUS INCIDENT HAS PRODUCED SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN
PM FUKUDA AND CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN FU HAO. PRESS
REPORTS THAT AT DINNER APRIL 19, FU INSISTED TO FORMER
UPPER HOUSE PRESIDENT KENZO KONO, REGARDED AS PFT
PROPONENT, THAT SENKAKUS INCIDENT WAS ACCIDENTAL,
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IMPLICATION BEING JAPANESE WERE DELIBERATELY HIGHLIGHTING
IT. HAO ALSO ASSERTED PM HAD NO INTENTION OF PROMOTING
CONCLUSION OF PFT. FUKUDA COMMENTED TO REPORTERS APRIL 20
IN REMARKS GIVEN FRONT PAGE PLAY IN ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS,
THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE FOR AN AMBASSADOR TO MAKE SUCH
AN IMPRUDENT REMARK. UNIDENTIFIED TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
WAS CITED AS CHARGING FU'S REMARKS WERE UNPARDONABLE AND

CONSTITUTED INTERFERENCE IN JAPAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. MEANWHILE, WITH CHINESE FISHING FLEET STILL NEAR SENKAKUS, ALTHOUGH OUT OF JAPANESE-CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS, FONMIN SONODA CONTINUED TO TRY TO PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD. SPEAKING AT SESSION OF UPPER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APRIL 20, SONODA SAID JAPAN WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT ASIDE QUESTION OF SENKAKUS IN ORDER TO RESUME PFT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA. SOUNDING DIFFERENT NOTE, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY ABE SAME DAY SAID RECENT MOVEMENT OF CHINESE FISHING BOATS AROUND SENKAKUS INEXCUSABLE. HE ADDED THAT IF CHINA PERSISTED IN SUCH BEHAVIOR, GOJ WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RESUME PFT NEGOTIATIONS. ABE ALSO SAID JAPAN SHOULD CONSIDER CONSTRUCTING HELIPORT ON SENKAKUS. MANSFIELD

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